

Project Update: June 2014

Our park has becoming good and famous. Recently, it's our summer time, i.e. its rainy season so everything turns to green and looks very attractive.

Due to heavy rain, and over flooding of Maze River and its tributes, fuelled with lack of all-weather roads to the far PA's, we couldn't address the last two PAs which was supposed to be completed by this month. Nonetheless, the activities, efforts and impacts of the task forces in the respective PAs where there is an accessible road have been monitored and evaluated. Almost all the task forces in the assessed PAs, except in one, were enthusiastic and very encouraging in their performance and positive impact they brought within such short time. In one PA however, the task forces was found misusing its power out of the very objective it was established, and together, we discussed the problems and composes some improvements.

In addition to the above activities, we have been intensely engaged preparing a proposal and fundraising to undertake a big workshop which will last for 5 days at Maze National Park. The workshop is intended to be big enough and land marking with crucial decisions that will assure the benefits and primary stakeholder of the local people for their sustainably enhanced participation and belonging. To that end, the workshop will call for representatives from all stakeholders. Higher delegates from high level decision making regional bureaus like: tourism and culture, educational, rural development and agriculture, regional and local mass media agencies, higher experts from tourism and parks, wild life and range land management, community administration, sociology and all task forces from the entire PAs. 125 individuals from the respective stakes are expected to participate as trainers, trainees, decision makers, leaders, etc.

At this time, we have gone through all the preconditions, like officially informing the higher delegates, experts, our task forces, other participants and all stakeholders. We have also strive and were successful getting some additional funds from regional bureaus of tourism and culture, publishing agencies and advertising organisations for t-shirts, hats, preparation and duplication of posters, training manuals, accommodations, payment for subsistence, transportation and other the like administrative costs. The workshop has been scheduled to be held during 15th – 20th June 2014.

